Fire in ONGC's well

489. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:
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SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire which had broken out in an ONGC well at Pasarlapudi near Amalapuram in Andhra Pradesh on 8th January, 1995 has been extinguished by now and if not, how much more time it will take to be extinguished;

(b) the circumstances under which the fire had broken out and how much loss has been caused by this fire to the ONGC and the local people;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the lessons learnt therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was uncontrolled gushing of natural gas from the well leading to an instant fire. The loss caused is being assessed.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The report of the enquiry Committee is being examined.

LPG Connections in Uttar Pradesh

490. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG distributors of private sector oil companies operating in U.P. as on date;

(b) the total number of consumers registered and on waiting list; and

(c) by when all the consumers are likely to get LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Under the Parallel Marketing System, private agencies are free to appoint distributors and register customers without any involvement of the Government. Such information about parallel marketeers is not maintained by the Government.

Production of Natural Gas

491. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the natural gas produced in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the production of natural gas has declined during the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any scheme to increase the production of natural gas is under consideration of Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The details are as under:

Year	MMSCMD production
1991-92	51·08
1992-93	49.48
1993-94	50.23

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The production during April—December, 1994 was 53.80 MMSCMD.

(d) and (e) A number of gas field development schemes e·g·, S—1 Sand, South Heera Phase-II, Gandhar Phase-II etc· are under implementation· The development of fields such as B 55, B 173 A etc· also under consideration·

Research work fo. Petroleum and Natural Gas in Andhra Pradesh

492· SHRI T· VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the names of places in Andhra Pradesh where research work for Petroleum and Natural Gas resources is going on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): ONGC is engaged in exploration and production activities in Andhra Pradesh covering districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna· Any specific R&D work pertaining to these areas is carried out in the R&D Institutes of ONGC·

Allotment of Petrol, Diesel and LPG agencies

493. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Petrol/Diesel retail outlets and LPG Agencies allotted during the current financial year so far, Statewise;

(b) the number out of these allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ backward class/handicapped, educated unemployed and ex-personnel of armed forces and para-military forces, separately;

(c) whether Government propose to allot more Petrol/Diesel retail outlets and LPG Agencies during the remaining period of current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) During April, 1994 to January, 1995, 418 Retail Outlet dealerships and 430 LPG distributorships were allotted all over